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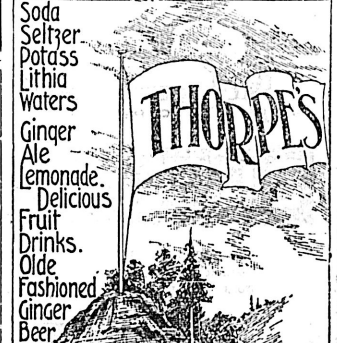
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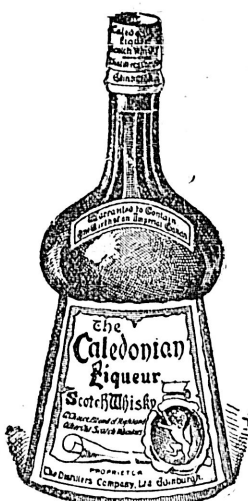
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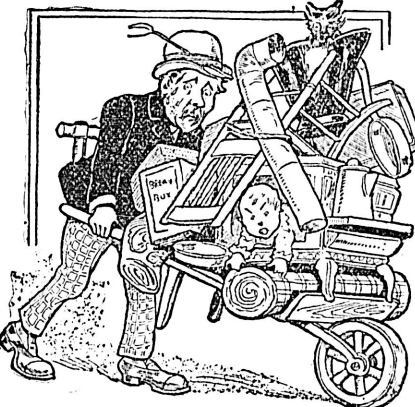
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BRUNET LOSES SEAT

And in Addition Is Disqualified for Seven Years.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Acting Chief Justice Tait and Justice Loran this morning gave judgment in the St. James' election case, unseating and disqualifying ex-Ald. Joseph Brunet, Liberal, for seven years.

PROVINCIAL DEMANDS.

Resolutions Passed at Quebec Not Yet Public.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Premier Parent was asked to state when the resolutions of the inter-provincial conference would be made public, replied: "Not until after we meet again in February, and present them to Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

ACROSS THE OCEAN BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

Marconi's Experiments
Are Crowned With
Success.

Messages Sent by Governor General and King.

Air Line Now Unites
Cape Breton and
Poldhu.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that your message to His Majesty has now been transmitted by me from Cape Breton to Cornwall by wireless telegraph, and has been forwarded to its destination. (Signed) MARCONI.

Lord Minto telegraphed to Marconi as follows:
Delighted at your message just received. Warmest congratulations on your splendid success. (Signed) MINTO.

The success of Marconi's experiments in the transmission of wireless messages across the Atlantic has given great satisfaction in Government circles, the Dominion stood to lose \$80,000 invested in the station at Glace Bay. The contract which Marconi has with the Canadian Government provides that ordinary messages will be ten cents a word, and that Government and press messages will be five cents a word. At present it costs 25 cents a word for ordinary messages.

Yesterday Marconi sent the following message to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

I have the honor to inform you that I have now established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton station and Cornwall, in England, and that I have already transmitted several messages to their destinations, including one from the Governor-General to His Majesty. Permit me to congratulate you upon success, and again to thank your Government for the cordials of its encouragement and co-operation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding while in Nova Scotia intended visiting Marconi's station at Glace Bay, but was unable to do so. The Minister of Finance received the following telegram yesterday from Marconi:

Glace Bay, Dec. 21. The Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, Ottawa:

I regret you were unable to visit the station. The Governor-General sent me a message for His Majesty, which I have already been able to transmit to England by wireless telegraph, with complete success. I should be glad to send a short message from the Canadian Government, but I have not time here shortly for my Cape Cod station. (Signed) MARCONI.

Hon. Mr. Fielding has replied as follows:

Ottawa, Dec. 21. G. Marconi, Glace Bay, N. S.: A message from the Government has already been sent. Accept my warmest congratulations on the success of your great work. I rejoice that Canada has been able to co-operate with you in such

a splendid achievement.

(Signed) W. S. FIELDING.
London, Dec. 22.—The second edition of the Times today prints the text of a wireless message received from the Canadian Government as follows:
Ottawa, Dec. 21. The Government of Canada, through the Times, desires to congratulate the British people on the accomplishment by Marconi of the greatest feat modern science has yet achieved. (Signed) CARTWRIGHT.

Representatives of the Marconi company say they have been receiving trans-Atlantic messages for weeks. They add that the messages to King Edward and others come through without a hitch, and that the company will be able to handle 1,000 words an hour. So soon as it is able to get the post office authorities to connect Poldhu with the inland telegraph, the company will commence regular commercial business between Cornwall and Nova Scotia.

Rome, Dec. 22.—King Victor Emmanuel this morning received a wireless message from Marconi forwarded from Cape Breton, via Cornwall, and sent a congratulatory reply.
Prior to December, 1901, the greatest distance covered by wireless telegraph scarcely exceeded 700 miles. Early in that year Marconi visited Newfoundland, and from Signal Hill commenced experiments with Cornwall, and on December 12 and 13 of that year faint signals of the letter "S" repeated several times, were caught by ear, only with the aid of telephones. Later on, Marconi, on the steamship Philadelphia, bound across the Atlantic, succeeded in establishing communication with Cornwall, a distance of 2,100 miles.

Transoceanic messages also were received on board the Italian warship Carlo Alberto, while the vessel lay at anchor in Sydney harbor, N. S., on October 31, and since then Marconi has been perfecting the apparatus at Table Head. He met with innumerable difficulties there, but at last has succeeded in sending a transoceanic wireless message from Canada to Cornwall, a distance of 2,300 miles. The Carlo Alberto some days ago was ordered to proceed to Venezuela, but her immediate departure would seriously delay Marconi's operations, this order was modified, and she was held at Sydney until trans-Atlantic communication was successfully accomplished. She has sailed for Venezuela to take part in the blockade operations.

Royal Sensation Stirring Saxony

The Crown Princess Disappears
in a Most Dramatic
Manner.

A Story in Real Life That
Reads Like Anthony Hope
Novel.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 22.—The Crown Princess of Saxony fled from her home during the night of December 11-12. The Dresdener Journal today says: "The Princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salzbürg, and went abroad. The Saxony court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been cancelled." The foregoing paragraph in today's

Real Estate For Sale

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Official Journal, which was inserted by order of the King and Crown Prince, has turned into a story what for several days past has been regarded as an incredible tale. The Crown Princess, surrounded by her ladies in waiting and numerous attendants and servants of the Royal household, has vanished so utterly that the police of every kingdom of Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her.

The official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public in finding the Princess, and because the court fiction that she preferred to remain in retirement at Salzbürg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden, cannot longer be maintained.

Accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Princess went to the castle of Emperor Francis Joseph, near Salzbürg, a month ago. A week after their arrival at the castle, the Prince broke his leg while hunting and was taken back to Dresden. The Princess, however, still remained at the castle. Why she did so the people of the court did not know. It was said that she was gloomy and usually does what she wants. For a little while this explanation sufficed. Then fragments of gossip began to reach Dresden. It was said that the Princess had surrendered herself to periods of nervous excitement, and that her recent actions caused much concern to her suit, and to some of her Austrian friends, who were staying in the castle with her. It is now believed that she was under surveillance. The narrative of the events at Salzbürg during the night of December 11 and 12, as told in Dresden, is that the Princess, who appeared to be in an unusually tranquil mood, retired before 12 o'clock, and the night in the room.

Three hours later when a maid looked in the royal boudoir something in the appearance of the bed prompted her to go closer and examine it. Instead of the Princess, the maid perceived a dummy figure. She awakened the lady-in-waiting and the latter with other members of the suite searched all the neighboring apartments, then the entire castle, and finally the grounds of the castle, but no trace of the Princess was found.

At dawn the police were informed of the disappearance, and inquiries were made throughout the whole country, but with no result. The inquiry by the end of the day had extended to all parts of the Kingdom of Saxony, and an authority from Dresden, by the end of the second day, the whole of Europe was notified. The theory of suicide was suggested, and a fruitless search for the Princess was conducted. All the maps and other pieces of water in the vicinity of the castle have been dragged without result. The disappearance of the Princess will doubtless cut the thread of many stories. It is already rumored that she eloped, but inquiries made here have brought nothing to substantiate or support this supposition.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The flight of the Crown Princess of Saxony has caused great excitement here. It is reported that the Archduke Ferdinand, accompanied by one of the court chamberlains, went to Geneva, where it was supposed the Princess had fled, but failed to find any trace of her. The Princess' brother, the Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, is said to be with her, but nothing can be ascertained as to her whereabouts.

It is officially explained that the Princess' disappearance is due to mental derangement. There is little doubt, however, that it was caused by domestic discord growing out of her husband's relations with an actress of the Dresden court theatre. It is stated here that the Princess frequently threatened flight on this account, and that she was incensed at her father, the Grand Duke of Saxe-Coburg, for counselling her to forsake her husband. It is rumored here tonight that the Princess was accompanied by the French tutor of her children.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Okaville Farmer Loses Life in His Barn

Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The remains of Henry Baker, a farmer residing a few miles East of Okaville, were found in the ruins of his burned barn on Saturday. No one knows how it happened, as Baker lived alone. His sons are P. P. Baker, Toronto; W. C. Baker, Winnipeg. His daughters are Addie, of Toronto, and Mrs. Remisens, Vancouver.

Unwilling to Accept Task

U. S. President Prefers Venezuelan Difficulty Should Go to the Hague.

But It Is Understood He Will Act If Strongly Pressed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact when the official day closed he had not received, formally, nor officially a request from the European powers to arbitrate the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority. The President and Secretary Hay had a long conference today, and the former's return from his Virginia trip. They carefully went over the situation as it had developed since Saturday, but it is understood that nothing has arisen during the past 48 hours to warrant a President in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his acceptance of the position of arbitrator. So far as can be learned, no specific request has been advanced by the European powers for arbitrating by a reference of the Venezuelans to the arbitration of the Hague Tribunal. It is held by the administration that the tribunal at the Hague was constituted to arbitrate just such controversies as that which has arisen between Venezuela and the powers, and that it would be desirable from every point that the present dispute should go to that tribunal for an adjustment. How strong these objections which Great Britain, Germany and Italy have in reference of the Venezuelan difficulty to the Hague Tribunal is not known to the administration at this time, even the nature of the objections, if any there be, is not known. The negotiations looking to the selection of an arbitrator have not progressed sufficiently to develop such objections as the powers may have. The acceptance by the powers of the principle of arbitration as applied to the Venezuelan question is a matter of great gratification to the President and his Cabinet. That all the powers have indicated too that they would prefer the President should arbitrate the dispute, is taken as a notable compliment to the President's personality, and to his administration. It is the hope of both the President and his advisers, however, that while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator, the powers will not insist on his performance of the duties of arbitrator of the pending Venezuelan difficulties, his friends assert that he will shrink no responsibility that he may deem it his duty to undertake, but will accept if the powers should insist on it, although he is very reluctant to do so.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

They Will Soon Have to Be Held.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—(Special)—New Brunswick is still in the dark as to when the local elections will be held. The House dies by limitation within three months, and if an appeal is to be made to the people before the local death occurs it will have to be done immediately. The Conservatives at this end of the country seem to be making up. Indeed things are shaping for a return to power of the party to which Canada owes so much.

BREATH RISES

In Sympathy With Cost of Fuel.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—On account of the increased price of coal, the bakers here have raised the price of bread.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Toronto is now not having more carloads of anthracite daily. The price is \$8 per ton.



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Rockers and Combination High Chairs
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THE FUTURE OF THE STATES.

During the nineteenth century the
United States owed its rapid growth as a
world power of first importance less to
the fecundity of its own people than to
the tremendous immigration from
European countries. According to the
last census the American people number
76,000,000. Of these over 9,000,000 are
negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Kanaka-
as or Indians, and 24,000,000 are of
foreign birth, or the children of those
of foreign birth. This leaves a truly
racially homogeneous population of 43,
000,000, or if the grandchildren of for-
eigners be excluded of a much smaller
number. The British Empire stands the
comparison remarkably well. Its white
population is 24,000,000, and its terri-
tory, and opportunities of expansion
during the twentieth century are in-
finitely greater than those of the United
States. While without self flattery, it
may justly be said that Great Britain
has shown the greatest ability of any
country, ancient or modern, in organiz-
ing and rendering effective subject or
semi-subject races. However, it is not
for the purpose of instituting a com-
parison flattering to ourselves that we
are discussing this subject, but rather
as it affects the United States consid-
ered in itself, because after all, the
United States is, except Great
Britain, the most important factor
in modern civilization, and at its best,
inspired by purposes very similar to our
own. It is quite open to be argued that
little or nothing should be subtracted
from the racial homogeneity of the peo-
ple of the United States because of the
large percentage of foreign born, and of
the children of foreign born inhabitants.
It may be said that the institutions,
traditions, prejudices, and social atmo-
sphere of the United States are so assimila-
tive, that those of foreign birth soon
become largely, and their children alto-
gether, Americans. This has been in a
large measure true in the past, but is it
true now? What Americans think they
are true to their institutions, traditions,
prejudices, and social atmosphere have
yet owed much more largely to the in-
herited character of the immigrants. It
is not very hard for a man who is the
unconscious product of Magna Charta,
to discover a real and not a simulated
enthusiasm for the Declaration of Inde-
pendence. The assimilative quality of
the United States has been much more
largely due to what its immigrants
brought with them than to anything they
found upon their arrival. The institu-
tions of the United States are essen-
tially Teutonic. It may be true that Teu-
tonic institutions absolutely divorced
from the trammels of Feudalism, instead
of gradually outgrowing them, have
caused a somewhat hush growth of
democratic freedom. But the seed is the
same and the fruit the same save as
culture in a different soil has modified it.
If this is true, and we do not think
it is likely to be disputed, then the rapid
assimilation of immigrants, and con-
sequent racial homogeneity of the peo-
ple, depend very largely upon where the
immigrants are hailing from. A most

startling, we might say, a most appalling
change has taken place in the racial
character of immigrants to the United
States. In 1881 the British Isles, Ger-
many and Scandinavia, Teutonic coun-
tries, the first containing a proportion
of Teutonic Celts, sent 437,800 people
to the United States; Italy, Russia,
Austria-Hungary and Roumania sent
53,701 people. In 1902, the first named
countries sent 101,053 people, while the
last-named sent 461,004 people. Immi-
gration from Teutonic countries has de-
creased to one-quarter of what it was,
while the immigration of Latins and
Slavs is now nine times as great as it
was. If we turn to our own country as
affecting the population of the United
States we find that in 1882, 70,219 Cana-
dians settled in the United States, and
that in 1890 there were 980,328 Cana-
dians domiciled there. While this drain
impoverished Canada, it greatly en-
riched the States. It is generally admit-
ted that, with the exception perhaps of
the old Puritan stock, this Canadian
strain is the most virile and strongest
in the United States. Well, the United
States is getting no more of it. Cana-
dian emigration to the United States has
diminished to a few hundreds a year, the
natural give and take between two
countries speaking the same language
and engrossed in similar pursuits. But
in addition to that, in 1898, 9,000 people
emigrated from the United States to
Canada in the Canadian Northwest. In
1899, 11,000; in 1900, 15,000; in 1901,
19,000; and in 1902 over 25,000. So that
in the direct relations between Canada
and the United States, the balance of
trade has altered to the tune of 95,000
people a year in favor of Canada. A
debit balance of 70,000 has been turned
into a credit balance of 25,000 people.
This is very gratifying and the more so,
as the population of Canada is of the best
type. If the 25,000 Teutons whom the
United States is losing annually to Cana-
da be subtracted from the 104,000
gained from other sources, that means
that the United States was, twenty
years ago, attracting from Canada alone
as many people as are now received
from all the Teutonic countries put to-
gether. Temporarily this is very en-
couraging to Canada, as the rival of the
United States, but, if we look far enough
ahead we can see that the same condi-
tions are likely sooner or later to be-
come manifest in Canada. If difficulties
of a serious nature result in the United
States, Canada will have received a
warning she cannot afford to neglect.

DISALLOWANCE

The people of this province will view
with grave disapproval the attempt
made by Senator Templeman in the
Times newspaper, and in a statement
made to the Vancouver Province, to show
that the Dominion Government has dis-
allowed acts containing the provisions of
the Natal Act in deference to the wishes
of the Imperial Government. The Im-
perial Government certainly objected to
certain laws passed in British Colum-
bia a year or two ago. It objected to
them on the ground that they excluded
Japanese by name, thereby making an
offensive discrimination between them
and other peoples. The Imperial Gov-
ernment coupled this objection with ad-
vice to British Columbia to pass the
Natal Act, intimating that such an act
was unobjectionable from an Imperial
point of view. Since then the Imperial
Government has expressed the pious
opinion that the provisions of the Natal
Act are ultra vires of the provinces of
Canada, "having regard to the general
principles upon which the B. N. A. Act
is based." An opinion of this sort from
a Government department like the Co-
lonial office, has no validity whatever.
It is an opinion upon a point of law
not a direction upon a point of policy.
Very likely this opinion is well-founded,
perhaps it is not. That is not the point
at issue. If the legislation in question is
ultra vires of the province, it is not ultra
vires of the Dominion, and Sir Wilfrid
Laurier has no right in view of his own
pre-election pledge, and "having regard
to the general principles upon which our
representative institutions are based," to
refuse British Columbia the relief which
British Columbia craves. What we
specially dislike about the special plead-
ing is that it seems to point to the
necessity of having to find an excuse for
the Dominion Government's taking no
action in the matter in the immediate
future.

ALWAYS TO THE FRONT.

Signor Marconi has been successful
in transmitting messages from Great
Britain to Canada by wireless telegraph.
That is a definite scientific
achievement of a most stupendous char-
acter. The cable companies and those
who represent the possibility of great new
discoveries in the field of applied science,
because they will interfere with estab-
lished sources of profit, claim that wire-
less telegraphy is simply an interesting
scientific toy, that it is inaccurate and
uncertain, that it depends upon favor-
able weather conditions, and that it can
never supplant the submarine cable. In
fact wireless telegraphy has been re-
ceived in very much the same spirit as
railways were. It was claimed that lo-
comotion by means of steam was im-
possible unless the rails were absolutely
horizontal, and that they were only
suited to level ground. It was also
claimed that the sight of trains moving
with such rapidity would send the on-
lookers mad, and that they should there-
fore be prohibited by law. There is no
doubt, however, that in wireless tele-
graphy a principle has been applied
which will be improved and developed
until it has ultimately astonishing ef-
fects upon the facility of human com-
munication. It is likely to cause as won-
derful improvements in the daily news-
papers as telegraphy did, and we look
forward to the day when a world circuit
will be established making each place on
the globe an equal news focus with
every other. For the conduct of the
development of the British Empire, it
is bound to be most valuable. It is
almost as though it were a weapon
forged by the hands of time to meet
the crying need of the British race in
the twentieth century, a bulwark raised
by destiny against its possible disinte-



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country in reference to this as well as
to former achievements is one we may
justly regard with pride. In 1883 the
first steamer to cross the Atlantic, pro-
pelled by steam power alone, was built
in Quebec and made the voyage from
Canada to England. In 1888 the first
submarine cable across the Atlantic was
laid between Great Britain and Canada.
In 1902 the first submarine cable
across the Pacific was laid between
Australia and Canada, a peculiar tri-
umph of Canadian initiative. In 1902
the first wireless message has been
flushed across the Atlantic from Great
Britain to Canada to some extent
through "the encouragement and co-opera-
tion" of the Canadian Government.
There are times when it is legitimate to
take an honest pride in such things
as these.

MISREPORTED?

If we gathered the gist of Mr. Pat-
erson's remarks at Sanich correctly, he
argued that a railway developing the
Northern portion of this province would
involve Victoria and Vancouver, be-
cause "it would establish another ocean port
farther North. Suppose it did establish
an ocean port farther North, Vancouver
and Victoria might not derive as much
benefit from the railway as they other-
wise would, but how it would injure
them we fail to understand. His remedy
appears to be to allow a Northern
system of railways to be built, some-
thing we cannot prevent, and surely
would not if we could, and make no
effort to secure railway connection with
such a system for Victoria and Van-
couver. Surely we want to get as big
an interest in the development of the
Northern part of the province as we can
legitimately. Have the people now liv-
ing in British Columbia reached such an
acme of prosperity that they can imagine
no further opportunities in development
in any direction East, North, West or
South? We know not. Great opportu-
nities are before this province. Let us
take a firm grasp of them and leave
doubt and fear to minds incapable of
realizing the best interests of the coun-
try and in these their own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.

Sir—Your leader of the 21st last, ad-
vocates, to my mind, the greatest good to
the greatest number, the moral and intel-
lectual enjoyment and relaxation of the
people, and the advancement of the views
of the public mind. I believe that the
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Local News.

Salvation Army.—The Salvation Army will hold a Christmas tree entertainment at the Barracks on Christmas Eve. Everybody welcome.

Meet Tonight.—The committee which had charge of the Fifth Regiment ball will meet tonight at the Drill hall to wind up the accounts. A full attendance is requested.

Ladies of the Macabees.—The regular meeting of the Ladies of the Macabees is held this evening at the A. O. U. hall at 7:45 sharp. A full attendance of members is requested.

Donations Acknowledged.—The honorary treasurer of the Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the usual Christmas donation of \$25 from F. W. L.; also of \$5 from George T. Fox.

Daughters of Pity.—The Daughters of Pity will meet tomorrow at the Royal Jubilee hospital and devote the evening to the wards. A Christmas tree will be arranged for each ward. An express will collect any evergreen or holly donated today, or it may be left at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Contributions of small gifts will also be thankfully received by the society.

Special Services.—There will be special services of an attractive character at the Metropolitan Methodist church next Sunday. A cantata will be rendered and there will be also interesting addresses. The church has been prettily decorated. On Tuesday evening a tea meeting and concert will be given, to which all will be admitted free of charge.

To Build Church.—H. T. Knott has received the contract for the erection of a church building for the Congregationalists of the city. It will be of brick and stone, and work will be commenced almost immediately. The contract price is in the neighborhood of \$7000. It will be erected on the corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street, directly opposite the Presbyterian church.

Y. M. C. A. Re-living.—A well-defined movement is on foot to re-establish the Y. M. C. A. in Victoria. Mr. Horace J. Knott and others have the matter in hand, and it is intended after holding a meeting of church workers and attempt to arouse public interest again in the matter. For a half-dozen years or so Victoria has had no Y. M. C. A.—in this respect differing from almost every other city in the Northwest. The time is now considered opportune to commence an agitation for its re-establishment.

Friendly He's Association.—These are busy days at the rooms of the Friendly He's Association. The number of those needing help and Christmas cheer has reached nearly 100, and it is a source of disappointment to the ladies that there is less money and a smaller collection of articles than they had at their disposal last year. The express wagon will be busy this morning distributing the parcels, but there is still time for intending contributors, and money, food and clothing will be thankfully received until 12:30 at the Market building.

Christmas Entertainment.—A very successful entertainment was held at the West Saanich public school on Friday evening. The attendance was not as large as was anticipated, on account of the disagreeable weather, but a fair-sized audience assembled and thoroughly enjoyed a programme of songs and recitations, given by the children, and also of a concert of selections from Mr. W. Butler's graphophone. Great credit was due to the teacher, Miss Dora Butler, for the excellent way in which the children carried out their part of the entertainment. At the close of the programme, the audience retired to an adjoining house, where a table was spread with all the luxuries the district could afford. Then the Christmas tree, which was beautifully decorated, was relieved of its burden, and the children received many valuable and well-earned presents, and returned to their homes thoroughly satisfied with their evening's fun.

JAMES BAY BRIDGE.

Ald. McCandless Moves to Resume Work of Filling the Flats.

Ald. McCandless has posted a notice of motion on the bulletin board at the City hall, which, if carried into effect, will reopen the question as to when and how the James Bay mud flats are to be filled in. He is not satisfied to have the work remain unfinished, and thinks that the best way to fill the winter months is to fill in at least a portion of the flats. His reasons for this action are set forth in his notice of motion, which, in full, is as follows:

Whereas a large amount of money borrowed for the reclamation of the James Bay flats is still unexpended, with no immediate prospect of the work being continued;

And whereas there is in the city at the present time a considerable number of unemployed men who could be profitably engaged in the completion of the above work;

Therefore be it resolved, That the engineer be requested to report as soon as possible on the best method of filling in a strip at least 100 feet wide adjoining the retaining wall, so that the present bridge can be removed and a permanent road and bridge built with the original design, with a view of furnishing employment to a number of men during the present winter.

OBITUARY.

Funeral of Mrs. George J. Dyke of Vancouver.

The funeral of Mrs. George J. Dyke, who died at Vancouver Friday, was held from the family residence, No. 1300 Comox street, on Saturday, Rev. H. J. Underhill, M. A., rector of St. Paul's church, officiating. Many surviving friends followed the remains to the steamer Charming, on which they were conveyed to Victoria. The interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery, where services were conducted by Rev. Percival James, M. A., rector of St. John's. The pall-bearers in Victoria were, Major A. W. Jones, M. C. Prior, Forbes G. Vernon, Capt. Ward, W. Curtis Sampson. There were numerous floral wreaths. The funeral took place from the rooms of the British Columbia Funeral Home, at 2:30 p.m.

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Sunday School Scholars Will Be Royally Entertained Tonight.

The Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment this evening. A very attractive and enjoyable programme has been arranged for the occasion.

The children attending Spring Ridge Methodist church Sunday school will enjoy their annual Christmas tree and entertainment this evening. Santa Claus, it is announced, will be present in person to distribute gifts to the good children.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Very Successful Closing of the Advent Series at St. John's.

At St. John's church on Sunday evening there was a crowded congregation. The recital, preached and given, and impressive sermon on "Faith." At the conclusion of the service the last of the Advent series of organ recitals was given, at which the organist, Mr. J. Long, was assisted by some of the best vocalists in the city.

Mrs. Currie's rich contralto voice was heard to good advantage in the solo, "Just as I Am," Miss Leger, who possesses a good soprano voice, sang the solo "Waiting for the King" in a manner that showed the careful training she has had, and how effectively she is able to render a solo of this class. Mr. A. T. Howard was in good voice, and sang "In Native Worth" from the Creation, a solo that requires both a good voice and artistic treatment, both of which Mr. Hicks was able to bestow upon it. Mr. Hicks gave the bass solos "Thus Saith the Lord," "But Who May Abide," and "For He Is Like a Soldier's Fire," and was thoroughly at home in either the declamatory, recitative or the plaintive air following it, or the quick, florid music of the last number, which he sang with good effect. It is needless to add that Mr. Hicks was quite equal to the task. Mr. Jesse Longfield played a solo on the violin, the deep rich tones of this instrument being brought out with good effect. He also played the concluding organ solo, an arrangement of the old Christmas hymn and chimes, which no doubt reminded many of the great festival of the church so near at hand.

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Head of a Great Glasgow Commercial House Created a Baronet.

The many friends in this province of Messrs. Arthur & Co., Ltd., manufacturers and warehousemen, of Glasgow, will be glad to learn that His Majesty the King, on the occasion of his sixty-first birthday, was pleased to confer on Sir Matthew Arthur, the head of this great mercantile company. As the honored head of this company, Sir Matthew Arthur is one of Glasgow's typical merchant princes, who have done so much for that city's commercial supremacy.

The eldest son of the late James Arthur, the founder of the firm, the new baronet is representative of a family that has had a long and honored connection with the West of Scotland. Born in 1852, he was educated at Glasgow University. After some time spent in foreign travel, he entered the service of his father, and soon found his way to the West of Scotland, where he has for many years been a prominent Liberal Unionist, and but for pressure of business would also have been a member of the House of Commons. He has had a seat in Westminster, as he had repeatedly declined invitations to stand for parliamentary honors. In 1893 he was appointed chairman of the West of Scotland Liberal Unionist Association, in which position he freely devoted his energy and administrative capacity to the interests of his party. But politics by no means monopolizes his attention. The

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A New Company Formed to Develop Vancouver Island Properties.

Clement Livingston, resident director of the Tyee Copper company, and Thomas Kiddie, manager of the Tyee smelter, at Ladysmith, were in the city yesterday. They expressed complete satisfaction with the smelter, which is working steadily and effectively. In starting such an extensive plant there is always a certain feeling of anxiety regarding the machinery, a very slight defect in some particular part often causing vexatious delay and disappointment. The Tyee plant, however, worked perfectly from the moment steam was turned on, and the furnaces lighted, so that the management has every reason to feel gratified with the success of their plans.

The aerial tramway, which conveys the ore from the Tyee mine, Mount Sicker, to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway at Stratton's crossing, where it is transferred to E. & N. trucks and taken to the smelter at Ladysmith, is also working without a hitch, and the development work at the mine is proceeding as smoothly as can be desired. The company has expended some \$250,000 in development work and plant since the mine was opened, and now the harvest is in full swing and sure to result in steady returns for the outlay.

The Tyee mine is undoubtedly one of the richest in British Columbia, and the admirable management of Mr. Clement Livingston has placed it upon a firm basis as a dividend earner, for no matter how rich a mine may be, without intelligent and conservative management, it often happens that it turns out a failure.

Mr. Livingston informed the Colonist that his friends in London have just succeeded in floating a new mining company, to be known as the Vancouver Island Mining and Development company. The capital of the company is \$500,000, divided into 50,000 £1 shares, and its objects are to acquire promising prospects on Vancouver Island, develop them into shipping mines. Already 10,000 shares have been subscribed for, so that the company has ample capital with which to go to work. It is understood that several very good claims have been secured by the company on Mount Sicker, Richard and Malahat, and miners will be put to work on them forthwith. All these properties are tributary to the Tyee smelter, and the prospects are that that institution may soon have to double or treble its capacity in order to accommodate the enormous output which must be the natural outcome of this extended development.

"You've bottled that lecture item down nicely," said the editor to the reporter. "How so?"

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MORE COPPER AT SOOKE.

Another Prospect Which Promises to Develop Into a Mine.

Joseph Dubois, proprietor of the Colwood hotel, has had a great deal of work going on a prospect near Beechy Head for some time past, and the ore produced encourages him to believe that he has the making of a first class mine. Assays of surface rock show values of \$18 to the ton, and with depth the ore improves in appearance. Mr. Dubois' claim is near the Tolmie property, which is turning out so satisfactorily to the owners.

INCREASED MINERAL OUTPUT.

Value of Precious Metals 25 Per Cent. Better Than Last Year.

With the year drawing to a close mining men are beginning to total up British Columbia's mineral production during 1902, and he is a pessimist indeed who does not concede an advance of 25 per cent. over 1901. The production that year was officially given as \$20,086,780, so that the lowest estimate for this year is \$25,000,000. But the latest figures from the Boundary, the Sloam, Rossland, Atlin, Cariboo and Vancouver Island justify one in predicting that the annual report of the Department of Mines will show the figures to be nearer \$27,000,000 than \$25,000,000, while next year may see the \$30,000,000 mark passed.

It will thus be seen that British Columbia, even with the copper lull and silver markets working against it, is twice a Klondike, for he would be a bold man indeed who would place the Yukon's output this year at over \$15,000,000.

The figures so far available for the Boundary and Rossland show the great strides forward that have been made in those regions. The Boundary leads the rest of the province in ore production, it having given 477,508 tons to date, with the prospect of reaching the million ton mark before the year closes. The production there last year was 384,775 tons, so there will be a betterment of at least 100,000 tons in 1902. In Rossland there has already been an increase over 1901 of 32,727 tons, and before December 31, 20,000 tons should be added, which would make the total output of that famous camp nearly 340,000 tons, compared with 280,000 tons in round figures, in 1901. (Pioneer Press.)

THEATRICAL

There are several good attractions in prospect at the Victoria theatre. Yesterday afternoon the advance managers of three productions to be presented at the Victoria theatre within the next week arrived here from Seattle. Burns, representing Robert Downing, who will produce "The Gladiator" at the Victoria theatre on Christmas night, December 25, says: "The Gladiator" was written by Signor Tommaso Salvini, and originally produced by him in Italy. When he first came to America it was his piece de resistance. It was translated into English and several actors tried to play the part, but failed. Mr. Robert Downing secured the rights to it, and realizing that it would be a physical as well as mental strain, he went into training, and finally managed himself before attempting it. The success he made with it was heralded all over the world. He has been presenting it every season for the past four or five years, and it is very popular. Today, although the play is over thirty years old, it is like an old friend. Those who have seen it before, see it again and again, and it is very exciting. I will remain on the stage, the public demand it, the managers want it, and the box office receipts satisfy me that the public and managers know what they want. My management of the Western Theatrical Association.

Fred Wynne, representing "The Telephone Girl," one of those lyrical comedies that are the style of "The Belle of New York," which will be given here on Tuesday night next, says his company has a fine production, and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of yesterday morning lauds him out. The Seattle paper says:

A well pleased audience left the Third Avenue theatre yesterday afternoon after the close of the first performance of "The Telephone Girl." This musical comedy seems to be a great favorite in Seattle, as it has played to full houses on all of its previous engagements, and will probably do so during its run this week. The play is very little more than a comedy, but it is very clever. The songs are catchy and many of the situations are laughable.

The company presenting "The Telephone Girl" is an evenly balanced one. J. Kane as the ridiculous Hans Nix, the inspector of telephones, works very hard and succeeds in amusing the audience, and that is what is there for. He will be remembered as the "Belle of New York," which played here recently. Edith Vainmala makes a sprightly and likable Estelle Cooke. She hasn't a good singing voice, but she is a good dancer, and as a comedienne, Mamie Keough is as cute a subterfuge as one could wish for, and is all the more pleasing because she doesn't try so very hard to be a prima donna. The company is well balanced, and the two were enjoyed many times after their little songs and dances. The chorus is made up of some unusually good girls.

URO DENORO TO BE WORKED

King Mining Company Takes Hold of this Promising Property.

Phoenix, Dec. 18.—(Special Correspondence.)—Since the accident at the Cascade power house last week, which had been used but a few days as an auxiliary at the Phoenix property, two furnaces have been in operation at those reduction works, consequently reducing the ore output temporarily from this camp. The Cascade furnace capacity, viz., from 650 to 750 tons daily. However, the damage at Cascade was not as serious as at first reported, and by adding a temporary frame wall, to take the place of the permanent one, away, the power has already been turned on again. It is being tested today and tomorrow, or Saturday at the latest, the power will be in blast again, and the shipment rate from the Granby mines here will again be 1,500 tons daily. The force at the mines has been materially reduced, the men being kept busy at other work on the properties.

From information recently received here, in all probability the Oro Denoro, one of the prominent properties in Summit camp, located on the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R., about seven miles from here, will be operated soon after the first of January. An extraordinary meeting of the King Mining Co., Ltd., owning the Oro Denoro, was recently held, at which proposition of a lease, or bond were to be considered. It is now stated that an option was given to bond a minority interest in the company to Smith Curtis and A. McNeill, of Rossland, who are shareholders in the property. Mr. Curtis is the owner of the property, and the Oro Denoro, and believes it can be made profitable.

The Oro Denoro has not been worked for about three years, owing to the company being short of funds. The company was formed some four years ago, and development was carried on for a time, with results said to be encouraging, several good bodies of ore having been opened. The railway runs directly to the property, and shortly after the street was laid that for the mine discontinued operations. At that time the cost of freight and smelter treatment was something like \$7 or \$8 per ton, while now the cost of both will be not to exceed \$3 or \$4 per ton, if treated at Boundary smelters. The property is equipped with an air compressor and hoist, and several hundred feet of work has been done so far. It is located close to the Emma mine which is shipping daily.

VICTORIA TIDES.

For the Month of December, 1902.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date.	Day.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1 M.	7.03	7.03	9.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
2 T.	7.51	7.51	9.56	10.56	10.56	10.56	10.56
3 W.	8.39	8.39	10.45	11.45	11.45	11.45	11.45
4 T.	9.27	9.27	11.34	12.34	12.34	12.34	12.34
5 F.	10.15	10.15	12.23	13.23	13.23	13.23	13.23
6 S.	11.03	11.03	13.12	14.12	14.12	14.12	14.12
7 M.	11.51	11.51	14.01	15.01	15.01	15.01	15.01
8 T.	12.39	12.39	14.90	15.90	15.90	15.90	15.90
9 W.	13.27	13.27	15.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79
10 T.	14.15	14.15	16.68	17.68	17.68	17.68	17.68
11 F.	15.03	15.03	17.57	18.57	18.57	18.57	18.57
12 S.	15.91	15.91	18.46	19.46	19.46	19.46	19.46
13 M.	16.79	16.79	19.35	20.35	20.35	20.35	20.35
14 T.	17.67	17.67	20.24	21.24	21.24	21.24	21.24
15 F.	18.55	18.55	21.13	22.13	22.13	22.13	22.13
16 S.	19.43	19.43	22.02	23.02	23.02	23.02	23.02
17 M.	20.31	20.31	22.91	23.91	23.91	23.91	23.91
18 T.	21.19	21.19	23.80	24.80	24.80	24.80	24.80
19 W.	22.07	22.07	24.69	25.69	25.69	25.69	25.69
20 T.	22.95	22.95	25.58	26.58	26.58	26.58	26.58
21 F.	23.83	23.83	26.47	27.47	27.47	27.47	27.47
22 S.	24.71	24.71	27.36	28.36	28.36	28.36	28.36
23 M.	25.59	25.59	28.25	29.25	29.25	29.25	29.25
24 T.	26.47	26.47	29.14	30.14	30.14	30.14	30.14
25 F.	27.35	27.35	30.03	31.03	31.03	31.03	31.03
26 S.	28.23	28.23	30.92	31.92	31.92	31.92	31.92
27 M.	29.11	29.11	31.81	32.81	32.81	32.81	32.81
28 T.	30.00	30.00	32.70	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.70
29 W.	30.88	30.88	33.59	34.59	34.59	34.59	34.59
30 T.	31.76	31.76	34.48	35.48	35.48	35.48	35.48
31 F.	32.64	32.64	35.37	36.37	36.37	36.37	36.37

To Protect The Foreshore

Scheme to Stop Encroachment By Sea On Dallas Road.

Decision to Take Plebiscite on the Eight Hour Question.

At yesterday evening's meeting of the City Council Mr. W. Laird, a prominent member of the Voters' League, submitted a resolution to the effect of erecting a barricade against encroachment of the sea along a considerable portion of the foreshore of Dallas Road. The council will take the question up at once and listen to his proposition in detail. Mr. Laird's motion that a plebiscite be taken on the suggestion that all the corporation workmen be employed only eight hours each day, after being amended somewhat, carried. Mr. Williams did not have any opportunity of having a vote taken upon his substantive motion on the same question. The Point Ellice bridge contract was only briefly alluded to, Mr. Worsnip taking occasion to remark that the detailed plans were now about ready for final consideration.

(Mayor Hayward presided, and all the Aldermen were present.)

W. W. Northcott, returning officer, wrote giving the result of the voting on the eight-hour question.

A. J. Morley, secretary of the Voters' League, forwarded copy of resolution affecting Dallas road foreshore passed by the league. It was moved and seconded, and the writer to be informed that the council is considering the matter.

Mr. Laird wrote as follows: "I have the honor to submit for the consideration of your honorable body a proposition whereby I will do the work necessary to protect the bank along the foreshore between Donald street and Menzies street, estimated at about 1,000 feet, from the wash of the sea, and prevent further destruction of the same. I have 15 years. The work to be in accordance with my own plans, and to be for the benefit of the city. I will attend on an appointment with your committee and go into the matter in detail."

Mr. Laird moved that the council make an appointment with Mr. Laird for a meeting to consider the proposition. The motion was carried.

Drake, Jackson & Helmeke wrote regarding Mr. John Moston's position in respect to the Broad Street lamp. Their claim for the net amount of the claim against him without the interest, which he refused to pay. The treasurer had returned his check, claiming the interest.

Mr. J. Dowler, city clerk, wrote as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that since the last regular meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and referred to the City Engineer, viz: A. Melnes, re condition of Belcher avenue; Edward North, re sidewalk Victoria Crescent; D. H. Hale, requesting extension of a box drain on Barrett street, and the gravel of the street."

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American Locomotive	56 1/2
American Locomotive pfd	52 1/2
American Sugar	125 1/2
American Sugar pfd	125 1/2
Atchafalpa	8 1/2
Atchafalpa pfd	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	61 1/2
Chicago & Alton	31 1/2
Canadian Pacific	125 1/2
Canadian Pacific pfd	125 1/2
Canadian Southern	75 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2
Chicago & North Western	21 1/2
St. Paul	170 1/2
Consolidated	20 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	94 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	102 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	17 1/2
General Electric	125 1/2
Iowa Central	37 1/2
Kansas & Texas	54 1/2
Kansas & Texas pfd	54 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	121 1/2
Messier	10 1/2
Messier pfd	10 1/2
Minna, St. P. & St. M.	48 1/2
Minna, St. P. & St. M. pfd	48 1/2
Manitowish	14 1/2
New York Central	145 1/2
Ontario & Western	10 1/2
Erie Railway	10 1/2
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LOST AND FOUND.

STRAYED—To the premises of the undersigned, a heifer about two years old, red, with white patches on belly, shoulder and hind. Owner can be reached by paying expenses. Samuel Fairclough, Sidney P. O., North Saanich.

LOST—A small silver watch. Finder kindly return to this office and receive reward.

LOST—On Government street, between Chalmers and Mitchell and Spencer, a brooch set with pearls. Finder please leave at Colonist office.

LOST—Sunday afternoon, ladies' umbrella, Rockland avenue and Oak Bay avenue. Please return to 45 Fort Street.

LOST—An emerald brooch, the shape of a leaf with 50 pearls, on Monday afternoon. Finder kindly return to this office and receive suitable reward.

FOUND—A black covered trunk on the corner of Kingston street and Superior street. Finder may have same at 110 Kingston street.

LOST—A small Jersey cow. Reward on return 141 Johnson street.

LOST—At A. O. U. F. W. Hall, upstairs, on Thursday night, a black fur muff. Finder please return to Colonist office.

LOST—From the Victoria & Sidney Station, a cow having about 10 feet of rope hanging from her neck. Looks much like a Jersey and has no horns. Last seen in the neighborhood of Blenheim street. Any information will be gladly received at the V. T. & S. Station.

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THE BOUNDARY QUESTION AGAIN

Secretary of Minister of Trade and Commerce Replies to Insolent Paper.

From Montreal Witness.

A letter is published in the New York Tribune from Mr. P. C. T. O'Hara, Secretary of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, upon the Alaska boundary question, so that the communication may be considered as semi-official. The Tribune said editorially recently, ignorantly and falsely, that "There is no reason for disputing it now (the boundary) or submitting it to arbitration there would be for this dealing with a Buchanan-Alaskan treaty of twenty-one years later. Would our Canadian friends, who rail at us for not offering to arbitrate something which they themselves regarded as settled for more than fifty years, be so kind to a proposition that they submit to arbitration their title to British Columbia? If not, they would do well to preserve a silence which would be the subject of an Alaskan arbitration. For they may be assured that there could be made out a far stronger case for giving to us the whole coast from Puget Sound to Behring Sea than for letting them break through our territory to the sea at Lynn Canal." To say that Canada has acquiesced in the present Alaska boundary for fifty years is about as false as anything could be. The Tribune ought to know that it is false, if it does not. Mr. O'Hara recites the facts again on this point for the benefit of the Tribune and its readers, as follows:

"In 1867 Alaska was added to the United States, but not until the following year did Congress offer the necessary legislation to complete the treaty. Three years elapsed, and in July, 1871, Canada became territorially a party to the boundary difficulty. Only eight months elapsed, however, before, in 1872, when Canada drew attention to the question, and asked the United States to join her in delimiting the boundary. The secretary of the United States, Mr. Fish, replied, in November, 1872, that the matter would be laid before Congress. From that date for several years Canada officially brought the matter to the attention of the United States, and to be met with the same indifferent replies. In most recent years the United States has shown more interest in the matter, and has entered into discussions, yet refusing any fair agreement for submission to arbitration. Why? Canada asks that the rules of the Venezuelan boundary reference be applied as Great Britain was not officially forced by the United States into that now historic arbitration, and, rather than let the loss of war lose consent to it, it is not fair to suppose that the United States should accept the same mode of settlement?"

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"What is still more remarkable is the fact that both the companies who were originally liquidated, Why? On account of adverse selection again. They did not get a fair selection from these risks on women. Women were, and still are, occasional business men. They are not hunted out by agents and fairly dragged by the neck into insuring their lives, as men are. And in consequence of such women as insure their lives are the occasional ones who seek insurance, or are willing listeners, because they know or feel that there is some reason why their lives should be protected. And, therefore, a higher death-rate among female risks as a whole, may be expected. Only when female risks are sought as victims of the policy, and not as a matter of course, as on the lives of men. Another contributory cause to a higher death-rate among female risks is women's traditional prejudice against the question, and asked the United States to join her in delimiting the boundary. The secretary of the United States, Mr. Fish, replied, in November, 1872, that the matter would be laid before Congress. From that date for several years Canada officially brought the matter to the attention of the United States, and to be met with the same indifferent replies. In most recent years the United States has shown more interest in the matter, and has entered into discussions, yet refusing any fair agreement for submission to arbitration. Why? Canada asks that the rules of the Venezuelan boundary reference be applied as Great Britain was not officially forced by the United States into that now historic arbitration, and, rather than let the loss of war lose consent to it, it is not fair to suppose that the United States should accept the same mode of settlement?"

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